

## **Agency Summary: Prince Edward County SS**

**Region:** Central

**Class Size:**

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### **Description of Early Prevention Services (prior to a current, valid CPS report)**

Prince Edward County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public, high risk groups, and individual families. Prince Edward County utilizes volunteers to provide some of its prevention services. They also use Family Partnership meetings (FPMs) in early prevention. The staff facilitates alternate living arrangements with relatives or non-relatives for a child at risk of removal and entering foster care (Foster Care Diversion). They also directly provide services to any of the 'diversion families' and/or birth families involved after they have facilitated an informal out of home alternative living arrangement

Prince Edward County Department of Social Services does not have specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. Nevertheless, they provide public education and awareness activities on prevention to the general public, early prevention services to high risk groups and individual families.

### **Specific information about Prince Edward County Department of Social Services for each type of Early Prevention Services provided**

#### **1. Universal Early Prevention Services (Public Education and Awareness to the General Public)**

- Public Education and Awareness Services Provided:
  - Provide information on services available to the general public
  - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
  - Community collaboration with organizations re: issues related to prevention
  - Attendance at Hugs and Kisses performances
  - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
  - Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
  - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
  - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  - Intake worker
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS on-going services worker

- Foster care worker
  - Adoption worker
- Volunteers used:
  - Public awareness campaigns
- Material printed in Spanish: Yes

## **2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups**

- High Risk Groups Targeted:
  - Single parents
  - Low-income families
- Services Provided to High Risk Groups:
  - Parent education and child development materials to targeted groups
  - Information on available services distributed to targeted groups, not just to the public
  - Parent education for high risk groups (e.g., financial, health, child development, working with school systems, behavior management, family relationships.)
  - Public speaking for high risk groups
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
  - CSA funds
  - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care worker
  - Generic worker
- Volunteers used for Early Prevention for High Risk Groups: None

## **3. Early Prevention Services to Individual Families**

- Early Prevention Services Provided to Individual Families:
  - Case management/coordination
  - Information and referral
  - Counseling by LDSS
  - Developmental screening for children
  - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
  - Children's services within domestic violence prevention or treatment programs
  - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
  - Medicaid
  - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
  - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:

- Intake worker
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care worker
  - Generic worker
- Volunteers used: None

**4. Community based resources to which the agency refers**

- Healthy Families Providers
- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Parent Support group providers
  - Parent support groups for the general public
  - Mental health based support groups for any parent
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to high-risk families
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Schools
- Mentoring program providers
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Advocacy Centers